<u>The Most Notable Sacerdotal Ancestry of Sitinamaluwa</u>

According to the most authentic and historical details among the ancestries of the Buddhist clergy, the ecclesiastical lineage of Sitinamaluwa or the Sitinamalu Sanga Parapura comes to the first.

The forerunner of this ancestry was Sitinamaluwe Kunta Gatta Tissa Maha Arhath Thera who was the inclumbent of Dimbulagala hermitage.

This Was recorded in the Asgiri Talpata.[1]

In the Sitinamalu Talpata the Sitinamaluwe secerdotal ancestray was recorded as,

01. Sitinamaluwe Kunta Gatta Tissa Maha Arhatha Thera.

02. His disciple Stinamaluwe Dharmakeerthi Thera incumbent of Maniyangama Raja Maha Vehera, 89 – 59 BC

03. Sitinamaluwe Dhammadinna Maha Thero, 1120 – 1143 A D.

04. Sitinamaluwe Kashyapa Maha Sthavivra, 1120 – 1143 A D.

05. Sitinamaluwe Mugalan Kandavuru Kula Piruven Maha Thera, 1144 – 1184 A D.[2]

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1 Rohanadeera Manis, **<u>Asgiri Talpata, Nugegoda 1969.03. P</u>**

2 Amarasinghe, Professor Ririmon, **<u>Sitinamaluwe Sanga Parapura PP 18, 55</u>**

06. Sitinamaluwe Rahula Tarkava – chaspati Maha Thera. 1184 – 1236 A D.

07. Sitinamaluwe Tepitaka Vanaratana Guru Thero 1237 – 1259 A D.

08. Sitinamaluwe Kalikal Seveni Siri Rahal Maha Sami Thera – 1246– 1301 A D.

09. Sitinamaluwe Anawamadharshi Lemani Kula Maha Sami - 1301 – 1344 A D.

10. Sitinamaluwe Anawamadharshi Lemani Kula Maha Sami. – 1344 – 1396 A D.

11. Sitinamaluwe Vimaladhara Thera. 1415 – 1488 A D.

12. Sitinamaluwe Dhammaruchi Himi 1445 – 1488 A D.

13. Sitinamaluwe Dhammadassi Himi 1484 – 1514 A D.

14. Sitinamaluwe Dharmapala Maha Stavira – 1515 – 1600 A D.

15. Sitinamaluwe Sobitha Maha Pandita Stavira 1510 – 1594 A D.

From 1110 to 1594 A.D. the monks of this sacerdotal ancestry of Sitinamaluwa held the incumbency[3] of Maniyangama Rajamaha Viharaya

They are accordingly,

01. Sitinamaluwe Kasyapa Maha Stavira. 1120 – 1143 A D.

02. Sitinamaluwe Mugalan Kandavurukula Piriven Maha Thera – 1144 – 1184 A D.

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[3] I. Amarasinghe, Professor Risiman **Sitinamalu Sanga Parapura. P 20**

II. Cumarantunga P. Nandanapala. **Indo Lanka Ethnic Affinities. P. 58**

03. Sitinamaluwe Rahula Tarkavachaspati Maha Thera. 1184 – 1236 A D.

04. Sitinamaluwe Tepitaka Vanarathna Guru Thera. 1237 – 1257 A D

05. Sitinamaluwe Kalikal Seveni Siri Rahal Mahasami 1264 – 1301 A D.

06. Sitinamaluwe Sarananakara Thera. 1301 – 1344 A D.

07. Sitinamaluwe Anawamadharshi Lemeni Kula Mahasami 1344 – 1396 A D.

08. Sitinamaluwe Wimaladhara Thera. 1415 – 1488 A D.

09. Sitinamaluwe Dhammaruchi Himi 1455 – 1488 A D.

10. Sitinamaluwe Dhammadassi Himi 1484 – 1514 A D.

11. Sitinamaluwe Dharmapala Maha Stavira 1515 – 1600 A D.

12. Sitinamaluwe Sobitha Maha Pandita Stavita. 1510 – 1544 A D.

Untill Kotakadeniya Dhammaransi become the incumbent of Maniyangama Rajamaha Viharaya in 1514 A D. an unbroken line of ecclesiastical lineage of Sitinamaluwa have been the incumbents of Maniyangama Rajamaha Viharaya, according to Sitinamaluwe Talpata.[4]

There after this lineage gradually lost their incumbency of Maniyangama Raja Maha Viharaya[5]

The Sitinamalu Talpata which was written by Ven. Dikwelle Buddharakkhita in 1786 AD gives an authentic information about his teacher Ven. Sitinamaluwe Dhammajoti Maha Stavira and also about the ecclesiastical lineage of Sitinamaluwa.

Ven Sitinamaluwe Dhammajoti Maha stavira was born in 1679 A D and had five pupils such as[6]

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4 Amarasinghe, Professor Risiman, **Sitinamaluwe Sanga Parapura. P 21**

5 Amarasinghe Professor Risiman **Sitinamalu Sanga Parapura.**

01. Ven Kadurupokune Suwanna Joti Himi

02. Ven Dickwelle Siri Buddharakkkita Himi.

03. Ven. Wehalle Dhammadinna Himi.

04. Veerathna Mulanagamage alias Virittamulla Gamage Danchi de Silva Perumal Abeygunawardhana Samarajeewa or Pattayame Lakam.

05. Barana Ganitacharya

From the ancient times Sitinamaluwa is very famous for the Nagan inhabitants as well as for the traditional astrologers cum artiste caste of Ruhuna.[7]

The entire lineage of Sitinamalu Sanga Parapura or the Sitinamalu clergy has been of the Lamani Kula of the Nagan Origine up to date.[8]

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[6] a. ibid . P 35
b. Vitarana, Professor Vini,
Lipu Ata, Colombo 1975, P. 73

[7] Cumaranatunga P. Nandanapala.
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[8] Cumaranatunge. P Naudanapala.
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